

# Detcon1 Restaurant Guide

Welcome to Detroit! There's tons of places to eat and drink in the city, and we encourage you to get online and do your own research. Check out the <http://detroit.eater.com> and <http://metrotimes.com/food> for reviews and recommendations beyond our list below. But here are a few ideas to get you started!

## ***Eating in the Renaissance Center***

There are a wide variety of places to eat without ever leaving the building. The food court located on the lower level (A) contains a selection of fast food restaurants. Some of these outlets usually close on the weekend or close early in the evening, but we've let them know we'll be coming, so hopefully they'll stay open for us!

**Volt**, the lobby bar and restaurant of the Marriott serves breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. If you're looking for a nice meal that won't take you too far away from the con, check out one of the RenCen's higher end eateries – **Joe Muer Seafood**, **Andiamo** (Italian), and **Coach Insignia** (steak house with an amazing view!)

## **Very Nearby**

Across the street from the RenCen, and connected by Skyway, is the **Millender Center**, which also houses a variety of fast food and fast casual restaurants. **Tom's Oyster Bar** is also just across the street and a couple blocks down and features seafood and sandwiches at moderate prices. Or head to **Jacoby's German Beer Garden** a couple blocks down Brush Street. **Sweetwater Tavern** is nothing fancy, but boasts the best wings in Detroit.

## ***Also Downtown***

If you're willing to walk a little farther, or hop on the People Mover, downtown Detroit features a wide variety of interesting restaurants. **Roast** in the Westin Hotel is the Detroit outpost of celebrity chef Michael Symon and is a great destination for nose-to-tail eating and great cocktails (PM: Michigan Ave). **Cliff Bells** (PM: Grand Circus) is a restored art deco club that serves creative, eclectic fare with live jazz on stage nightly. The **Fountain Bistro** in Campus Martius Park features inventive French food, with a great view of the park – which gets converted to a sand covered "beach" every summer! The park features pop-up food vendors as well, and there are several other Campus Martius restaurants on the list.

Take the Coney Dog challenge! A Detroit original a Coney Dog is a hot dog topped with chili, mustard and onions. Two chains – **American Coney Island** and **Lafayette Coney Island** – vie for the title of best Coney Dog in Detroit. With both chains having locations right next to each other on West Lafayette, it's easy to compare and contrast. Aside from Coney Dogs, they serve classic diner food including breakfast all day.

Visit **Greektown!** It has its own station on the People Mover and is just a medium walk from the Ren Cen. There are lots of restaurants of all different cuisines to choose from. For Greek, we like the newest addition, **Santorini Estiatorio**. But **Pegasus Taverna** is a classic, and the pastries from **Astoria Pastry Shop** can't be missed. For non-Greek dining, check out **Redsmoke BBQ**. There's also a **Five Guys Burgers** and a **Coldstone Creamery**.

## ***A Little Farther Afield***

**Corktown** is the name of the neighborhood near the former Tiger Stadium. The demolition of the stadium took down many of the restaurants that relied on it for business, but several years later it is now one of the most exciting areas of the city. Check out what might be Detroit's most famous

restaurant, **Slow's BBQ** (be prepared for long waits), or visit **Mudgie's Deli**, **St Cece's Pub**, or my personal favorite, **Green Dot Stables**. This hipster hangout serves beer, cocktails and two dozen varieties of creative sliders, and almost no single items costs more than \$3. If you're looking for a drink in Corktown, check out **The Sugar House** or the tasting room at **Two James Distillery** (the first distillery in the city limits since Prohibition).

**Eastern Market.** Each week thousands of people flock to Eastern Market for its Saturday Market, with hundreds of stalls selling fruits, veggies, fresh-cut flowers, homemade jams, maple syrups, locally produced specialty food products. The area surrounding the market is a local food district with more than 250 independent vendors and merchants processing, wholesaling, and retailing food. There are also a lot of dining choices in the area. **Roma Café**, **Louisiana Creole Gumbo**, **Russell Street Deli**, and **Supino Pizzeria** are some recommended choices, but take a wander around the market and see what you find!

**Midtown** is the cultural center of Detroit, home to the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, the Detroit Public Library, and Museum of Contemporary Art, and Michigan Science Center. Dining choices abound, but consider checking out **Cass Café** – a restaurant, bar and art gallery all in one. **Motor City Brewing Works** has craft beer brewed right here in Detroit and great pizza.

### ***Elsewhere in Detroit***

You've heard of Chicago-style pizza and NYC-style pizza, but did you know that Detroit has its own unique pizza style too? **Buddy's Pizza** is the place to try it within the city (note that this location is in a somewhat dodgy neighborhood, but the parking lot is enclosed and monitored).

Southwest Detroit is home to a substantial Hispanic population, and you'll find plenty of places to choose from in Mexicantown. For something a little different, check out **El Barzon**, where you can get top-notch Mexican food and incredible homemade Italian pasta dishes in the same meal. The chef/owner worked for several years at a high end Italian restaurant in NYC before opening up his Mexican restaurant in Detroit, and he decided it would be silly to abandon all he had learned. Hamtramck is an independent city entirely surrounded by Detroit. In 1970 90% of the population was of Polish origin. While that has changed over the years, it is still home to the Polish-American museum and several Polish restaurants including the **Polish Village Café**.

Ever heard of featherbowling? This Belgian game is akin to horseshoes and Bocci. Detroit's **Cadieux Cafe** is proud to be the only home of featherbowling in the United States. The game is rarely played in Belgium, and visitors from the old country are often astonished to see the game preserved as it is here. You can enjoy some Belgian beer and moules frites too!

### ***Outside Detroit***

The city of Dearborn is just outside Detroit and has the largest concentration of Arab-Americans in the United States. Which means an excellent selection of Middle Eastern restaurants and bakeries! We like **Al-Ameer** (12710 W. Warren Ave, Dearborn, MI) - go with a group and get one of the family platters to be able to try a little bit of everything. Everything is also good at **Hamido** (13251 W Warren Ave, Dearborn, MI), but be sure you order the rotisserie chicken - it's truly incredible. For baked goods, visit **Shatilla Bakery** (14300 W Warren Ave, Dearborn, MI) for amazing trays of baklava and other Middle Eastern pastries.

## In the Renaissance Center

Restaurant	Phone	Location	Location	Food type	Price	Days	Meals
Andiamo Pizza Pie Co.	313.393.6045	Level A	Food Court	Fast Food	\$	MTWRF	L
Burger King	313.392.9362	Level A	Food Court	Fast Food	\$	SMTWRFS	B L D
Chop Fresh	313.446.1110	Level A	Food Court	Fast Food	\$	MTWRF	L
Coney Town	313.259.8000	Level A	Food Court	Fast Food	\$	MTWRFS	B L D
Fish City	313.259.8000	Level A	Food Court	Fast Food	\$	MTWRFS	B L D
Gyroland	313.259.8000	Level A	Food Court	Fast Food	\$	MTWRFS	B L D
McDonald's	313.567.2214	Level A	Food Court	Fast Food	\$	SMTWRFS	B L D
Salsarita's Fresh Cantina	313.567.3701	Level A	Food Court	Fast Food	\$	MTWRF	L
Subway	313.567.3345	Level A	Food Court	Fast Food	\$	SMTWRFS	B L D
That Sandwich Place	313.568.1917	Level A	Food Court	Fast Food	\$	MTWRF	B L
Zoup!	313.567.7500	Level A	Food Court	Fast Food	\$	MTWRF	L
Rice Bowl Express	313.259.3200	Level A	Food Court	Fast Food	\$		
Andiamo Detroit Riverfront	313.567.6700	Level A	GM Wintergarden	Italian	\$\$\$\$	SMTWRFS	L D
Presto Gourmet Deli	313.567.6700	Level A	GM Wintergarden	Deli	\$	MTWRF	L D
Starbucks	313.568.8400	Level 1	Marriott Hotel	Coffeeshop	\$	SMTWRFS	B L
Volt	313.568.8000	Level 3	Marriott Hotel	American	\$\$	SMTWRFS	B L D
Au Bon Pain	313.393.2271	Level 2	Tower 100	Fast Food	\$	MTWRF	B L D
Coach Insignia	313.567.2622	Level 3	Tower 200/300	American	\$\$\$\$	MTWRFS	D
Calumet Market & Spirits	313.259.1122	Level 1	Tower 300	Retail	\$	MTWRFS	
Coffee Beanery	313.568.1040	Level 1	Tower 300	Coffeeshop	\$	MTWRF	
Potbelly Sandwich Works	313.566.0028	Level 1	Tower 300	Fast Food	\$	MTWRF	B L D
Joe Muer Seafood	313.567.6837	Level 1	Tower 400	American	\$\$\$\$	SMTWRFS	L D
Gourmet Deli	313.396.5543	Level 1	Towers 500/600	Deli	\$	MTWRF	B L
CVS Pharmacy	313.567.3523	Level 2	Tower 200	Retail	\$	MTWRFS	

## Downtown/Walking/People Mover

Restaurant	Address	Phone	Location	Food type	Price	Days	Meals
Andrew's Downtown Detroit	333 E. Jefferson	313.983.1250	Millender Center Lev 1	Deli / Retail	\$	SMTWRFS	B L D
Millender Center Food Plaza	575 Brush St.	313.222.0000	Millender Center Lev 1	Deli / Retail	\$	SMTWRFS	B L D
Birmingham Deli	3011 W Grand Blvd	313.221.2222	Millender Center Lev 2	Deli	\$	MTWRF	B L
Rice Bowl Fresh Asian Kitchen	3031 W Grand Blvd	313.963.3200	Millender Center Lev 2	Asian	\$	MTWRF	L D
Tim Hortons	333 E. Jefferson	313.964.2575	Millender Center Lev 2	Fast Food	\$	MTWRFS	B L
Sweetwater Tavern	400 E Congress St	313.962.2210	Bricktown	American	\$\$	SMTWRFS	L D
Tom's Oyster Bar	519 E Jefferson Ave	313.964.4010	Bricktown	Seafood	\$\$	MTWRFS	L D
Jacoby's	624 Brush St	313.962.7067	Bricktown	German	\$\$	SMTWRFS	L D
Pegasus Taverna	558 Monroe St	313.964.6800	Greektown	Greek	\$\$	SMTWRFS	L D
Santorini Estiatoria	501 Monroe St	313.962.9366	Greektown	Greek	\$\$	STWRFS	L D
Pizzapapalis Taverna	553 Monroe St	313.259.7272	Greektown	Pizza	\$\$	SMTWRFS	L D
Astoria Pastry Shop	541 Monroe St	313.963.9603	Greektown	Pastry/Ice Cream	\$	SMTWRFS	B L D
Redsmoke BBQ	573 Monroe St	313.962.2100	Greektown	BBQ	\$\$	SMTWRFS	L D

Fountain Bistro	800 Woodward Ave	313.237.7778	Campus Martius	French American	\$\$	SMTWRFS	L D
Lafayette Coney Island	118 W Lafayette Blvd	313.964.8198	Campus Martius	Diner	\$	SMTWRFS	B L
American Coney Island	115 Michigan Ave	313.961.7758	Campus Martius	Diner	\$	SMTWRFS	24hrs
Foran's Grand Trunk Pub	612 Woodward Ave	313.961.3043	Campus Martius	Gastropub	\$\$	SMTWRFS	L D
Texas De Brazil	1000 Woodward Ave	313.964.4333	Campus Martius	Brazilian Steakhouse	\$\$\$	SMTWRFS	D
Cliff Bell's	2030 Park Ave	313.961.2543	Grand Circus Park	Eclectic American	\$\$	STWRFS	D
Bucharest Grill	2040 Park Ave	313.965.3111	Grand Circus Park	Middle Eastern	\$	SMTWRFS	L D
Angelina Italian Bistro	1565 Broadway	313.962.1355	Grand Circus Park	Italian	\$\$	STWRFS	L D
Small Plates	1521 Broadway	313.963.0702	Grand Circus Park	Tapas	\$\$	MTWRFS	L D
Detroit Beer Company	1529 Broadway	313.962.1529	Grand Circus Park	Pub	\$\$	SMTWRFS	L D
Roast	1128 Washington Blvd	313.442.1600	Michigan Ave	American	\$\$\$	SMTWRFS	D
London Chop House	155 W Congress	313.962.0277	Financial District	Steakhouse	\$\$\$	MTWRFS	L D
Lousiana Creole Gumbo	360 Michigan Ave	313.962.1984	Rosa Parks Transit Center	Soul Food	\$	MTWRFS	L D

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Mudgie's Deli	1300 Porter St	313.961.2000	Corktown	Deli	\$\$	SMTWRFS	L D
St Cece's Pub	1426 Bagley Ave	313.962.2121	Corktown	American/ Gastropub	\$\$-\$\$\$	SMTWRFS	L D
Slow's BBQ	2138 Michigan Ave	313.962.9828	Corktown	Barbecue	\$\$	SMTWRFS	L D
Green Dot Stables	2200 West Lafayette		Corktown	Sliders	\$-\$	SMTWRFS	L D
Taqueria Lupitas	3443 Bagley St	313.843.1105	Corktown	Mexican	\$	SMTWRFS	B L D
Honest John's	488 Selden St	313.832.5646	Midtown	American	\$	SMTWRFS	B L D
Cass Cafe	4620 Cass ave	313.831.1400	Midtown	American	\$\$	SMTWRFS	L D
Motor City Brewing Works	470 West Canfield	313.832.2700	Midtown	Pizza	\$\$	SMTWRFS	L D
Detroit One Coney Island	3433 Woodward	313.832.0923	Midtown	Diner	\$	SMTWRFS	24hrs
Honest John's	488 Selden St	313.832.5646	Midtown	American	\$	SMTWRFS	B L D
Roma Cafe	3401 Riopelle St	313.831.5940	Eastern Market	Italian	\$\$\$	MTWTFS	L D
Louisiana Creole Gumbo	2051 Gratiot Ave	313.567.1200	Eastern Market	Soul Food	\$	SMTWRFS	L D
Russell Street Deli			Eastern Market	Deli	\$\$	MTWTFS	B L
Supino Pizzeria	2457 Russell St.	313.567.7879	Eastern Market	Pizza	\$	TWTFS	L D
El Barzon Restaurante	3710 Junction Rd	313.894.2070	Mexicantown	Italian, Mexican	\$\$	STWRFS	L D
El Rancho	5900 W. Vernor	313.843.2151	Mexicantown	Mexican	\$\$	SMTWRFS	B L D
Polish Village Cafe	2990 Yemans	313.874.5726	Hamtramck	Polish	\$\$	SMTWRFS	L D
La Dolce Vita	17546 Woodward Ave	313.865.0331	Other	Italian	\$\$\$	STWRFS	L D
Buddy's Pizza	17125 Conant St	313.892.9001	Other	Pizza, Italian	\$\$	SMTWRFS	L D
Cadieus Cafe	4300 Cadieux rd	313.882.8560	Other	Belgian	\$\$-\$\$\$	SMTWRFS	D